ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Application for Arizona Centennial 2012 Legacy Project Designation

AHAC Mission: Develop, encourage and coordinate a statewide plan for Arizona's centennial in 2012 including advising the legislature and state agencies on centennial history and heritage, arts and culture, assisting the governor's countdown to the centennial to support school children learning about Arizona's history and recommending activities and projects that will ensure lasting accomplishments to commemorate the centennial.

Vision for Centennial Projects: Commemorations that encourage all Arizonans to reflect on our unique and authentic history, to experience the rich and diverse tapestry of our heritage, and to explore our promising futures, thus ensuring a lasting legacy.

Legacy Project Criteria: This is a request for official designation as an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. To be considered, the project must 1) accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona history; 2) be accessible to large number of visitors/users; 3) demonstrate collaboration in the planning; 4) produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012; 5) include an educational component; 6) include a plan for implementation.

- Attach a maximum of three pages that address the following areas, in the order listed.
1. General description of the project.
2. Describe how this project meets the Legacy Project criteria.
3. Project timeline. Give details regarding planning and implementation.
4. Describe the project location.
5. List project partners, if applicable.
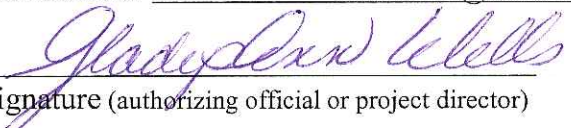6. Attach a proposed budget, showing total project cost and funding sources.

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Signature (authorizing official or project director)   Date

Submit application to the Arizona Historical Advisory Committee. The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission will review the Committee's recommendations and make final decisions regarding Legacy Project designations.

(add submission address and instructions)   June 2006

1. General Description

Arizona Memory Project, established by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, provides an online shared space to store and display digital collections from Arizona libraries, archives, museums, historical societies and other cultural institutions. The Arizona Memory Project (AMP) is designed to manage small and large collections alike – and can handle virtually all file formats, including digital documents, images, video and audio files, html files and other electronic resources for a variety of items including photographs, newspapers, maps, manuscripts, oral histories and more. The project is designed to support a multitude of digital collections from geographically distributed organizations in Arizona. Aside from providing increased visibility and accessibility to collections, the Arizona Memory Project provides consultation, software and software training to all AMP collaborative partners.

The aim of this initiative is to create a central online repository to provide access to digital content representative of the history and culture of Arizona.

The Arizona Memory Project can be accessed via the web at http://azmemory.lib.az.us.

2. Legacy Project Criteria

The Arizona Memory Project (AMP) is a statewide collaborative digital project encompassing Arizona museums, libraries, archives, historical societies and other cultural institutions and collections. Researchers, students, teachers, historians or anyone else interested in Arizona-related materials may view collections anytime from any Internet-accessible computer.

Digital materials in the Arizona Memory Project will pertain to the culture and history of Arizona and the Southwest and will be of unique literary, artistic, political, historical or scientific value. Materials may date from pre-Columbian to modern times.

The site is valuable to educators, as it is a trusted and authoritative source. Furthermore, AMP is a tool that teachers can utilize in the classroom, as it provides quick access to primary source materials. Students, like those involved in the National History Day Program, will find the materials stored in the Arizona Memory Project ideal for their research. The Arizona Memory Project is especially useful for students in the fourth and eighth grades, as the school curriculum is focused on Arizona history and government, respectively.

The Arizona Memory Project will provide educational training for cultural institution professionals. Specifically, metadata and CONTENTdm software training classes will be offered at no charge to organizations that contribute collections to the Arizona Memory Project.

By making fragile artifacts, documents and images available through emerging technologies, Arizona's rich past will be accessible to a worldwide audience without risking damage or loss to the original item. In sum, this collaborative initiative, supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, will provide continuous, long-term access to Arizona's cultural treasures into the Centennial and beyond.

3. Timeline

The Arizona Memory Project launched on March 5, 2006. The project currently provides access to 8 collections, and is working towards making several additional digital collections accessible online. We intend to add at least 10 collections per quarter, but this figure is expected to increase

as the project progresses. The ultimate goal is to have representative collections from every cultural institution in Arizona.

4. Project Location

The project is available online at http://azmemory.lib.az.us. The project server space and staff are based at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

5. Partners

The Arizona Memory Project is currently collaborating with Jerome Historical Society, Sharlot Hall Museum, Arizona State Museum, Arizona Historical Foundation, Navajo County Library District and Cave Creek Museum. Collaboration will quickly extend to additional Arizona cultural institutions in the mid- to long-term.

6. Budget

The Arizona Memory Project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. The project utilizes the CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software, funded by LSTA grants. The budget below provides projected expenditures up to 2012. The project will extend beyond 2012. Please note that these are projected expenditures.

Item	Description	TOTAL
CONTENTdm Software	Digital Collection Management Software	$116,500
Hardware	Purchase, maintenance and upgrades of server space	$5,300
ASLAPR Staff Time	Portion of several FT staff time used towards the development and implementation of this project	$956,000
	TOTAL	**$1,077,800**